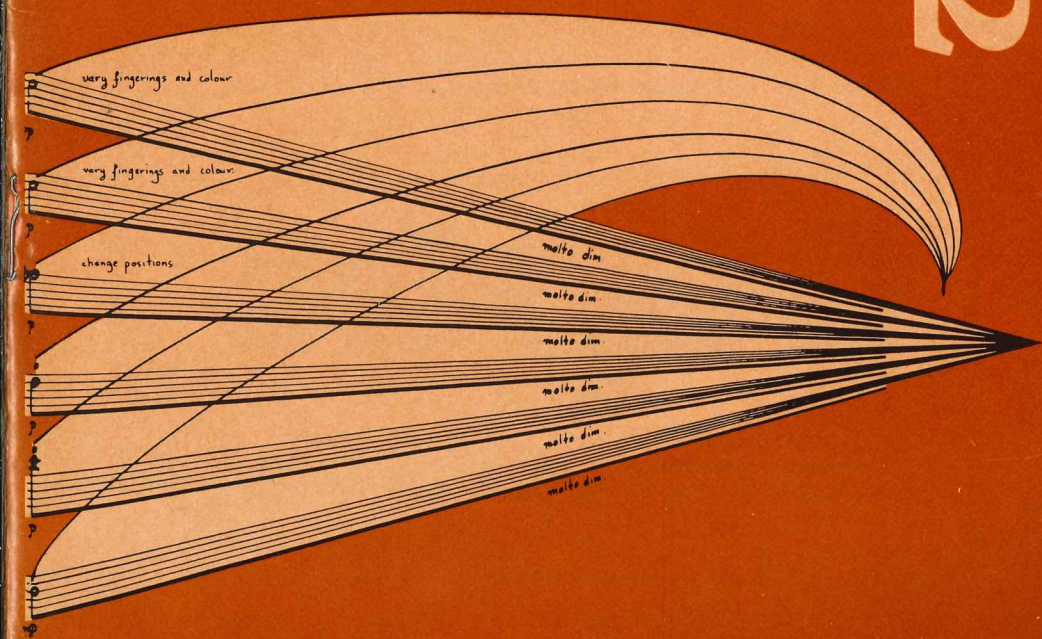


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An Irish Circus On Joyce's Finnegans Wake

by John Cage

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Convocation Hall, University of Toronto

PROGRAM

THIRD CONSTRUCTION

BY JOHN CAGE

Percussionists:	Robert Becker William Cahn Robin Engelman Russell Hartenberger
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ROARATORIO

AN IRISH CIRCUS ON FINNEGANS WAKE

BY JOHN CAGE

Speaker:	John Cage
Singer:	Joe Heaney
Musicians:	
Bodhran & Bones	Peadar & Mel Mercier
Uilleann Pipes	Liam óg Ó Floinn
Fiddle	Paddy Glackin
Flute	Seamus Tansey
Realisation:	John Cage & John Fullemann
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JOHN CAGE

John Cage is one of the most significant figures in contemporary musical thought. In the course of his illustrious career he has pioneered the development of the percussion orchestra, experimented with the use of noise, introduced the prepared piano, been an early proponent of electronic music, originated the multi-media 'happening', initiated the use of chance and indeterminate methods in western composition and pursued the notion of extended silence as musical material.

Born in Los Angeles on September 15, 1912, Cage studied composition with Henry Cowell and Arnold Schoenberg, and piano with Richard Buhling. During the latter half of the 1930's he actively organized percussion ensembles in California and Seattle, where he was engaged as a piano accompanist for a dance school. There he began music composition classes for dancers. From 1941-42 Cage taught at the School of Design in Chicago, then went on to New York to continue his close association with percussion and dance. He organized concerts, collaborated with the dancer-choreographer Merce Cunningham, studied the music of Satie and Webern, and investigated Zen Buddhism.

Cage's associations with the pianist David Tudor and painter Robert Rauschenberg began in 1950. In 1952 he organized the Project of Music for Magnetic Tape, the first such group in the United States. The same year his Theatre Piece was presented in conjunction with the Cunningham dance group. This work was one of the first mixed media events of its kind in the USA. Cage's widely diversified interests further involved him with the activities and works of Buckminster Fuller, Marshall McLuhan, Marcel Duchamp and the writings of Henry David Thoreau.

Cage's music has, since the beginning, been innovative and experimental in nature. His earliest works were characterized by chromaticism, a confined range, static and concise presentation. In the late 1930's his music became more dramatic and propulsive in character, wherein he developed a proportional relationship between phrase lengths and the length of the entire composition on the basis of the elementary components of sound and silence. Cage's music is under constant evolution, exploring new ideas and techniques. In 1938 Cage expanded the use of the piano, in which the sounds were altered by means of screws, bolts, pieces of wood and other materials to produce finely differentiated sounds of complex and indefinite pitch. The music composed for this instrument emphasized the percussive qualities, and the melodic and resonant effects possible on a prepared piano.

Cage delved into the sphere of electronic music in the 1950's, and also began to utilize elements of chance as a means of liberation, both psychological and technical in his instrumental works. The use of aleatory was influenced by his interests in Zen philosophies, wherein art is considered to reflect nature in both manner and operation. Cage extended his explorations further, to that of silence. He theorized that there is no such thing as silence and that the understanding of music as a duality of sound and silence was errant. He focused subsequent works on the concept that the purpose of a performance was within the jurisdiction of the performers' and listeners' activities, and that no preference could be made between 'musical' sounds and 'other' sounds. The work 4'33" radically demonstrates this period. The accent of aleatoric techniques was based on the concept that the piece is really a process rather than a product. Cage also indicated his interest in music as theatre early in his career; concerned with the public and social character of

music, he composed for film, dance and theatre.

John Cage has attained the respect of a wide public. He was the Regent's Lecturer at the University of California at San Diego (1980), was a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Studies at Wesleyan University and the University of Illinois. His works have been broadcast internationally and he is the recipient of numerous awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1949 and an Award from the National Academy of Arts and Letters.

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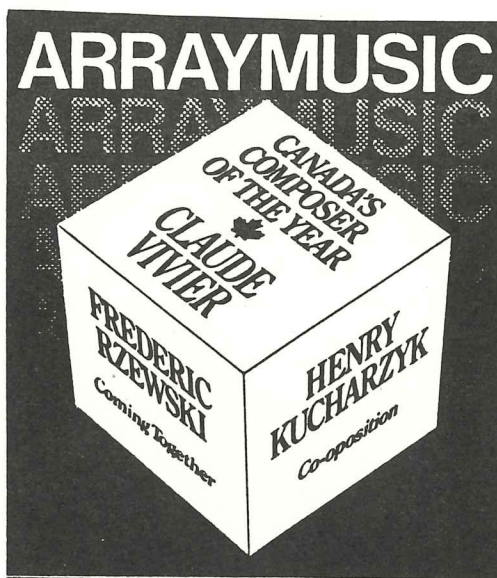
THIRD CONSTRUCTION (1941)

Third Construction is the pinnacle of Cage's innovative percussion ensemble writing. It is his final work in this medium, perhaps his most complex and mature. Many Mexican, Central American and native Indian instruments are called for in this piece including quijadas, cricket callers, conch shells and rattles and unusual instruments such as the graduated tin can play a prominent role in the work.

Both the rhythmic shape and overall structure of the piece are related to Cage's "square root theory", in which components of various relationships within a piece reflect the numeric proportions of the square root. In Third Construction there are 24 sections, each in turn divided into 24 bars, in addition there is a 24 bar introduction. This proportional writing is extended to Cage's elaborate use of cross-rhythmic relationships among the individual parts. This builds toward the end of the sections where up to 4 subdivision flows of 3,5,7, and 9 are played simultaneously.

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Robert Becker, William Cahn, Robin Engelman, and Russell Hartenberger, are members of the percussion ensemble NEXUS. The group has combined the individual member's backgrounds in jazz, symphonic and contemporary music, and experiences with indigenous music from many cultures, to produce their own unique musical mosaic. They perform everything from ragtime to African drum medleys, drawn from a repertoire that includes works by John Cage, Steve Reich, Chopin, Satie and Spike Jones. They have taken their music to Japan and across North America. NEXUS have recorded two albums, available on Epic and Umbrella labels.



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ROARATORIO - Program notes by Robert O'Driscoll

In Roaratorio, John Cage joins with many of Ireland's most distinguished traditional musicians in a musical rendering of James Joyce's Finnegans Wake.

Roaratorio is the realization of a suggestion which Marshall McLuhan made to John Cage in the 1960s. Later, in the 1970s, Cage began the "construction" in a rather arbitrary manner, creating as text a series of mesostics; letters placed on the central axis of the page, which, if read downwards, constantly form and reform the name James Joyce.

"Writing for the Second Time through Finnegans Wake", is the text that John Cage reads in Roaratorio. The next step was to note, record and collect the sounds as they occurred in the text and in relation to the particular place in which the sounds were made. Categories were extracted from the first long list of several thousand sounds: various kinds of music (instrumental and vocal), various kinds of humanly produced noises (shouts, laughter, tears, etc.), various sounds from nature (birds, animals, water, wind), etc. Then, with the help of John Fullermann from the United States and Klaus Schöning from WDR3 in Germany and using the facilities of the IRCAM Studios in Paris, the sounds were recorded and put in, one at a time on 16 track tapes at the point that the sound bears in relation to the text that Cage reads. To this was added what Cage calls "a circus of traditional Irish music", with bones, bodhran, uilleann pipes, flute, fiddle and voice.

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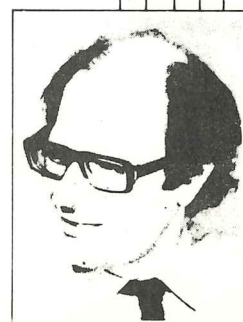


April 23, 1982

Mauricio Kagel

MAURICIO KAGEL'S music theatre manifestations are outstanding and extremely controversial. *Presentation pour Deux*, produced in cooperation with the Goethe Institute of Toronto, is a musical-dramatic piece in three movements featuring the world renowned **ALOYS KONTARSKY** (pianist) and **GUILLERMO GALLARDO** (voice).

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In constructing a musical work in this way, Cage seems to wish to break the straitjacket of intellectual preconditioning or musical theory in order to allow true creativity to flow, to perhaps show, even in so arbitrary a manner as making a musical composition based on a text with mesostics as a ruler, that divinity exists. "I had long come to the conclusion," Cage writes, "that the purpose of music... is to sober and quiet the mind, thus making it suggestible to divine influences."

John Cage considers Roaratorio to represent a possible way of transposing works of world literature into an acoustic dimension, into a language accessible to all. We are familiar with the attempts of Pater, Mallarmé, and other writers in the late nineteenth century to have literature approach the condition of music. What Mr. Cage seems to be attempting in Roaratorio is to have music approach the condition of life, creating a work of which it might be said: "It is not about something. It is that something itself."

Roaratorio was first broadcast on WDR3 in Germany, and was first produced at the Paris Festival d'Automne at Beaubourg in January, 1980. Three of the six Irish musicians were present for the performance. The Toronto production of Roaratorio, therefore, presented by Celtic Arts of Canada and New Music Concerts on the occasion of James Joyce's birthday, is the first complete realization of Roaratorio on stage, and is presented as a tribute to Marshall McLuhan.

PEADER and MEL MERCIER

Peader Mercier was one of the original Chieftains and played and toured the world with the group until recently. He was first 'discovered' by composer Seán Ó Riada for his unerring sense of the erratic rhythms of Irish traditional music. As evidence of the vibrant continuity of these rhythms, he brings with him his son Mel, one of his ten children. Mel's reputation as a beater of bodhrán and bones is now almost equal to that of his father.

LIAM ÓG Ó FLOINN

Liam is the uncontested champion of the Uilleann Pipes -- he has raised the instrument to new distinction and revealed its inherent flexibility in his brilliant interpretation of The Brendan Suite recently recorded and inspired by Tim Severin's Voyage. Uilleann pipes differ from Scottish pipes in that their wind is supplied by bellows secured to the player's arm rather than from a bag into which he blows, and in that they have a dauntingly intricate system of keys and chanters with which to produce notes. Liam plays as though the instrument were in some mysterious way an extension of his own being.

JOE HEANEY

Joe was born in the Carna region of Connemara. A tradition of storytelling and song, reputedly the oldest in Europe, was transmitted orally to him during his childhood. He continued throughout his life, whether in or out of Ireland, to add to his extensive repertoire and to imprint upon all his material his own inimitable style. He is the greatest living exponent of the difficult art of sean-nós singing. His memory is prodigious -- he carries about in his head a priceless reservoir which he freely shares with those around him. His compatriots refer to him simply as "the king of song".

PADDY GLACKIN

Paddy Glackin is outstanding in a country of fiddle players. Different styles of playing are often associated with particular regions of Ireland, which is understandable in the light of the oral tradition which gives rise to them. Like the other formative musical influence in his life, Johnny Doherty, Paddy's father - his teacher and mentor - comes from Donegal. Paddy's vitality as an artist has led to his many radio broadcasts, television and concert appearances, and to his present position of traditional music officer with the Arts Council of Ireland.

SÉAMUS TANSEY

Chosen by Matt Molloy as the artist who could best represent him in his absence, Seamus Tansey was born in Co. Sligo where a unique tradition of flute playing gave him early impetus. He brings his own individual style to bear on his technical expertise and, as with all good traditional musicians, he proves that while this style of playing cannot be taught, it can be learned by anyone born with a spiritual penchant for it.

JOHN DAVID FULLEMANN

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Among the artists he has assisted in the realization of their works are Alvin Lucier, Merce Cunningham, Jim Burton, and Takehisa Kosugi. Fullemann began working with John Cage in 1975 on Atlas Elipticalis, and in 1979 they began collaboration on ROARATORIO. Mr. Fullemann assists Mr. Cage in this evening's performance.

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